GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:252
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SECURITY AND RELIEF MEASURES IN RAILWAYS .
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Railways have received any complaints regarding disbursement of compensation to the victims and their families of the recent bomb blasts in Mumbai;

(b): If so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Railways thereon;

(c): Whether the disaster management system within Railways was subjected to a review in the light of the Mumbai blasts;

(d): If so, the details thereof;

(e): Whether the Railways are contemplating any fresh measures to strengthen the security at railway stations and in trains in view of the recent bomb blasts in Mumbai;

(f): If so, the details thereof; and

(g): The details of stations and trains selected for provision of such security measures initially alongwith the funds earmarked for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (g) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.252 BY SHRI B.VINOD KUMAR AND SHRI SHRINIWAS DADASAHEB PATIL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.8.06 REGARDING SECURITY AND RELIEF MEASURES IN RAILWAYS.

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) to (f): Existing Disaster Management Plan in the Railways are adequate enough to deal with such disasters. However, following preventive measures are taken:

All the important stations over Zonal Railways are to be covered under Bomb Detection Plan. Instructions have been issued recently to All Railways to procure such equipment such as Bomb detection equipment and Close Circuit Television

(CCTVs) Cameras for installation on important stations. Many of the Railways already have Hand-held metal detectors, Door Frame Metal Detectors and Dog Squads.

Two additional Companies of Railway Protection Special Force have been deployed in Mumbai (Central & Western Railway) after the above blasts. Besides additional force has been mobilized to Mumbai from adjoining divisions in Western & Central Railway. Close Circuit Television Cameras

(CCTVs) at 14 Railway stations in Mumbai have been installed to keep surveillance in Railway premises. In addition, 17 Sniffer dogs are at present deployed to conduct anti-sabotage checking in Mumbai. Intensive publicity and public awareness campaign alerting and educating all passengers to remain vigilant against any unidentified/ unclaimed suspicious objects lying inside coaches & platforms and to report to Government Railway Police (GRP)/ Railway Protection Force (RPF)/Railway officials immediately in case of detection by them is being undertaken. RPF staff have also been provided with Hand Held Metal Detectors to conduct checking at Railway stations. Close liaison with GRP & State Police is being maintained to provide effective security to passengers and passenger area.

Steps are also being taken to upgrade RPF Training centres with a view to improve quality of training. A comprehensive intelligence-orientation programme for the RPF is already under-way.

(g): Railway Protection Force is providing as on date escort parties in 1390 selected trains, in co-ordination with the State

Governments, for which an average of 4,268 staff are deployed. 480 stations are also given additional security by Railway Protection Force with deployment of 2,705 personnel daily. These deployments are in addition to the Government Railway Police (GRP) personnel deployed on trains and the railway premises, in order to further strengthen the security. The offenders apprehended by Railway Protection Force (RPF) staff are forwarded to the concerned Government Railway Police (GRP) with detailed report regarding the offence for registration of cases and further legal action. The entire railway system is thus covered by the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and the State Police.

A proposal for providing modern equipment like Bomb Disposal Kits, Deep Search Metal Detectors, Hand Held Metal Detectors and X-ray Scanner Machines for checking luggage of passengers, is under active consideration of the Ministry of Railways and the cost thereof will be worked out in consultation with various agencies.